

What's new in the Training Bureau?



In January of this year, the training bureau underwent some major changes as a new director and additional staff were hired. The training bureau team consists of:

Pat Moore:	Director	
Paul Putnam:	Trainer III	Salt Lake Region Training and Volunteer Coordinator
Debora Wawro:	Trainer III	Utah County/Rural Training and Volunteer Coordinator
Dustin Howard:	Trainer III	Northern Region Training and Volunteer Coordinator
Kevin Newsome:	Trainer I	
Pauletta Worthen:	Office Specialist I	

The team has been hard at work, organizing the volunteer program (including a website we hope to release soon), organizing and conducting current training, and putting together curriculum for new training. As listed above, Paul, Debora and Dustin are the coordinators for training and volunteers in three different areas of the state. When you have questions about training or volunteers, feel free to contact the Trainer III assigned to your area.

Keeping with the theme of change, Dustin and Kevin recently put together an online training to introduce division staff to motivational interviewing. Motivational interviewing is a collaborative, goal-oriented style of communication with particular emphasis on the language of change. It is designed to strengthen personal motivation for and commitment to a specific behavior by eliciting and exploring the person's own reasons for change within an atmosphere of acceptance and compassion. This is a skill we hope to help all of our staff acquire in an attempt to help the youth and families we serve.

This training is available to JJS staff on the Training website at <https://sites.google.com/a/utah.gov/djjs-training-webpage/training-resources/motivational-interviewing>. The training lasts about 18 minutes and has a short test attached that if staff complete, will earn them one hour of training credit. We encourage all staff to take advantage of this opportunity to become more familiar with the concepts of motivational interviewing in an effort to prepare you for future training.